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Application

When? This Policy applies with immediate effect.

Who? This information is Met policy. Anyone who works for the Met, including contractors and volunteers, must comply with it.

This Policy applies in particular to officers and staff in the following roles:

All police officers and police staff, including the extended police family and those working voluntarily or under contract to the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPACE) or the Commissioner must be aware of, and are required to comply with, all relevant Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) policy and associated procedures.

However, this policy applies in particular to officers and staff involved in the investigation or locating offenders or who are involved in dealing with wanted offenders including:

- All police officers (uniform and plain clothed, including members of the Metropolitan Special Constabulary) Police staff.
- Designated Decision Makers (DDM)
- Managers and staff in Crime Management Units (CMU)
- Custody Officers
- Crime Managers

This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

Policy Principles

This policy ensures the management and enforcement of Wanted offenders is carried out professionally, efficiently and effectively with proactive pursuits of wanted offenders being at the forefront of operational policing. The management and enforcement of wanted offenders is fundamental to police service objectives aimed at protecting the public and ensuring the public's trust in the criminal justice system.

The policy sets out an effective and consistent approach to the management of offenders who are electronically monitored as a result of court bail and / or required to reside at a

National Bail Accommodation Support Scheme (BASS) address as part of their court bail conditions or prison license requirements.

Furthermore, there are a number of toolkits and guides accompanied to this policy to help operational officers and staff handle any matter appropriately that may arise when dealing with wanted offenders for example, providing support to any vulnerable adults at risk of harm or safeguarding children should they seem at risk from wanted offenders.

Purpose and Benefits

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the MPS has effective processes to enable effective management and enforcement of wanted offenders so as to ensure public safety and maintain the public trust in the Criminal Justice System

Key benefits of this policy include:

- Bringing more offenders to justice and reducing the risk to the public
- Providing MPS personnel with clearly prescribed procedures for managing and enforcing warrants and help reduce potential risk to the MPS in respect of potential litigation following a claim of unlawful arrest/ detention and / or admonishment of the MPS where offenders go on to re-offend
- Improve detection rates and continue to increase public trust in the Criminal Justice System
- Providing clear and concise Management Information to enable effective management and enforcement opportunities.

Health and Safety Impact Statement

This policy and any associated standard operating procedures or Toolkit (SOP) have been developed with appropriate consultation with the MPS Safety and Health Risk Management Team [SHRMT]. This is to ensure that all significant Health and Safety risks have been identified and quantified, and that resulting suitable and sufficient controls are in place, aimed at mitigating the risk to the MPS as follows:

- Compliance with health and safety at work statutory provisions including codes of practice;
- Compliance with working time regulations including 'Non Opt Out' and 'Opt out' legislation and MOPAC/MPS policies;
- MOPAC/MPS Safety Management System;

- Service delivery that may impact officer, staff or public safety.

Met Prosecutions will continue to work with the SHRMT to ensure that the mitigating controls are suitable and sufficient and remain fit for purpose.

Associated Documents and Policies

MPS Wanted Offender Management Toolkit and Associated documents

National BASS Policy

National Electronic Monitoring of Offenders Policy

National Recall to Prison Policy

National Withdrawal of Warrant Policy (GDC29 Process)

ACPO National Out of Force Warrant Policy

Continuous Policing Improvement Command Policies (Investigations, IOM, Safeguarding)

National Home Office Targets relating to enforcement targets for Wanted Offenders (FTA/ Bench Warrants, Prison Recalls, CPBW's)

LCJB Policies and Targets relating to Wanted Offenders